

VIRGINIA: At a Regular Meeting of the Bland County Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse located in Bland, Virginia, on the twenty-eighth day of August, 2007, 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Karen H. Hodock, John C. Thompson, Jason R. Ramsey, Henry Blessing

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator; Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator;  
Frank Slavin, County Attorney

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Karen Hodock called the August 28, 2007, regular meeting to order.

#### INVOCATION

The invocation was offered by Supervisor Mr. Blessing.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG

Chairman Mrs. Hodock led the pledge alliance to the flag.

#### AUGUST 28, 2007 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED

#### CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the August 28, 2007 meeting agenda and the consent agenda to include the minutes of May 22, 2007, June 20, 2007; June 26, 2007; June 27, 2007; July 24, 2007 and July 30, 2007; August 1, 2007 and August 16, 2007 payrolls totaling \$155,335.60; August 2007 bills in the amount of \$216,868.40; additional bills for the month of July 2007 in the amount of \$18,343.69; and reports as presented was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

David Lamie, VDOT Assistant Residency Administrator, appeared before the board and advised of updates to include; 1) I-77 overlay open to traffic; 2) Rt. 612 bridge; 3) Rt. 52 bridge work commencing; 3) Tunnel work continuing.

#### SOCIAL SERVICES JUNE 2007, REPORT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Social Services June, 2007 report in the amount of \$48,628.88 with the local of \$6,580.18 was made by John Thompson, and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes; and Jason Ramsey, yes. The motion passed.

#### SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER, 2007 REQUISITION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOVE to approve and appropriate the Schools September 2007 requisition in the amount of \$750,000.00; approve the filing of the meeting minutes of July 26, 2007; and approve all check registers submitted for the month of June and July 2007, was made by Jason Ramsey, and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### WOLF CREEK TRAIL NETWORK

Blaine Keese, and Michael LaRoche of Draper Aden presented the master plan and review of the Wolf Creek Trail Network project, which will consist of 16 miles of trail.

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to proceed with the project as presented was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### E-911 EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Willie Howlett, Coordinator, presented the August 2007 E-911 monthly report of activities; reported on the radio equipment damaged by lightning; and advised of the county's need to proceed with the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to hold a public hearing on September 2007, limiting tractor trailer traffic upon State Rt. 738 was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

The vote on this motion was as follows: Karen Hodock, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

#### BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steve Hermansen, temporary administrator, appeared before the board to report on activities of the Bland County Historical Society and The Round Mountain.

#### BUILDING/ZONING OFFICIAL REPORTS

Joel Cagle, Building/Zoning Official, appeared with an update of office activities.

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORTS

Frank Slavin, Attorney reported an update on work activities.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Bland County Economic Development Authority

\*\*\*\*\* MOTION to reappoint David Dillow and Harold Andrews to the Economic Development Authority, 4 yr termS, to expire 09-30-07 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

##### Joint Public Service Authority

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing to the Joint Public Service Authority, a 4 yr term, to expire, 09-30-2007 was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, abstain.

##### Mount Rogers Disability Services Board

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to reappoint Carol J. Hall, to the Mount Rogers Disability Services Board, 1 yr term, to expire 8-31-2008 was made by Jason Ramsey, seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

##### Bland County Planning Commission

Tabled until September 2007 meeting.

##### Board of Zoning Appeals

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to recommend the reappointment of Otho Cassell and Jeanie Owens to the Board of Zoning Appeals, 5 yr. terms to expire, 09-11-2012, was made by Henry Blessing, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

LIGHTHOUSE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH WAIVER GRANTED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the fee waiver request of the Lighthouse Pentecostal Holiness Church for a building permit fee in the amount of \$183.15 to construct a church, approve the fee waiver request for the Coon Hunters Club for a building permit fee in the amount of \$183.15 to construct a club house and approve the waiver fee request of the Hollybrook Church of Christ for a building permit fee in the amount of \$62.52 to construct a shelter was made by John Thompson and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

RAMSEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION POOL APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Local Government Education Pool Application of Sonya Ramsey as outlined within policy was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, abstain; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

MOUNT ROGERS COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE CONTRACT APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Mount Rogers Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services Annual Performance Contract was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

VICTIM WITNESS SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DECLARED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to declare a computer/monitor from Victim Witness surplus, and allow the Wolf Creek Indian Village to receive, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Henry Blessing.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

NACO DRUG CARD UPDATE

The County Administrator provided an update on the usage and savings to county residents utilizing the NACo Prescription Drug Card.

ABANDONED CAR REMOVAL UPDATE

The County Administrator reported an update on the vehicles removed from the county under the Abandoned Motor Vehicles Removal Program.

WOLF CREEK INDIAN VILLAGE TICKETS TO COUNTY STUDENTS

Supervisor Mr. Blessing requested that county funds pay entry to the Wolf Creek Indian Village for all county fourth and fifth graders, at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00.

DEFINITION OF MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive comment to amend the Zoning Ordinance to include Manufacturing Operation(s) under Sec. 62-1, definitions; and to include Manufacturing Operation(s) under Sec. 62.262., a permitted use, within an Industrial District.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were offered.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock closed the public hearing.

MANUFACTURING OPERATIONS ADDED TO ZONING DEFINITIONS

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to add Manufacturing Operations to the definitions to the Zoning Ordinance and add Manufacturing Operations as a permitted use within the Industrial District as presented was made by Henry Blessing and seconded by John Thompson.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

EDA C.U. P. APPLICATION PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Chairman Mrs. Hodock opened the public hearing to receive public comment on the Conditional Use Permit application of the Bland County Economic Development Authority to locate and operate a manufacturing operation upon 2.49 acre industrial zoned site located within the Bland County I-77 Industrial Park, Tax Map # 34A-A-25.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Harless of 7052 N. Scenic Hwy, Bastian, expressed concern regarding type of business, job creation, location of building, utilities, hours of operation, parking and construction start date.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

The public hearing was closed by Mrs. Hodock.

EDA C.U.P. APPLICATION APPROVED

\*\*\*\*\*MOTION to approve the Conditional Use Permit application of the Economic Development Authority to located and operate a manufacturing operations, upon Tax Map #34A-A-25 located within the Industrial Park, with the conditions that; 1) no outside storage of materials; and 2) they abide by all local/state/federal laws as set forth by the planning commission, was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

CLOSED SESSION

\*\*\*\*\*“Move to go into a closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to 2.2-3711-A, subparagraph 1, an agreement matter pursuant to subparagraph 13, and a legal matter pursuant to subparagraph 6, was made by John Thompson and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; John Thompson, yes. The motion passed.

“Move to return to Regular Session, adopt the certification and waive the reading of the certification of a Closed Session but certify that only items announced by the Board were discussed was made by John Thompson, seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Vote on the motion was as follows: Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes; John Thompson, yes; Henry Blessing, yes.

MEETING ADJOURNED

This meeting was adjourned until 5:00 p.m. on September 25, 2007.

---

Karen H. Hodock, Chairman

---

Jonathan D. Sweet, County Administrator